

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2003

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Commissioner's Present: Gill, MacKenzie, Mohsin, Munzel, Tuason and Alternate Ku

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, Acting Cultural Arts Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

City Council Liaison Present: Vice-Mayor Patricia Dixon, Council Member Althea Polanski

IV. Alternates The Chair sat Alternate Ku.

V. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of January 6, 2003.

M/S: Gill/Tuason Ayes: All

VI. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2002.

VII. Citizens Forum No members from the community were present.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Recreation Services Manager, Bonnie Greiner, informed the Commission of the following events/programs:

- Any Commissioner interested in attending the CPRS Conference in March please let Renee know by January 10th for pre-registration status.
- On December 4th, three Community Garden plots were prepped (16,21,37) and letters have been sent out to those on the waiting list. (Approximately 15 residents on the list.) The Community Garden is looking good with no problems to report.
- February 1st Bay Area Showcase Chorus CASP Event at 4pm at the Milpitas Community Center. They are doing a workshop for young girls who will then be able to perform with the Sweet Adeline's.
- Rainbow Theatre's Presentation of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* runs through January 17-25th. Please call the Milpitas Community Center for Ticket information.
- Commissioner's Dinner on January 30th. Invitations were sent out last week. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Vice-Mayor Patricia Dixon announced that this would be her last meeting with the Commission. Council Member Althea Polanski will be their new City Council Liaison. She expressed that she has enjoyed her many years with the Commission, the work she's done and the people she's worked with.

Chairperson Munzel announced that he had received information on the Strategic Plan Conference on January 11, 2003. If anyone is interested in attending they should contact him.

Commissioner MacKenzie announced that he had attended the Community Breakfast, co-hosted by the Sunnyhills Youth Association and they expressed that they were not hearing about Teen Center activities until after they had already happened. They were also interested in having a venue where teen bands can perform, similar to the City's Summer Concert Series. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner answered that all activities are highly advertised, but suggested that these teens attend a Youth Advisory Commission meeting or get in contact with herself so staff can determine where the lack of communication is occurring.

IX. New Business

1. Election of Officers

Chairperson Munzel opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

MOTION to nominate Steve Munzel as Chairperson.

M/S: Tuason/Gill Ayes: All

Chairperson Munzel opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

MOTION to nominate Zeya Mohsin as Vice-Chairperson.

M/S: MacKenzie/Gill Ayes: All

2. Child Care Center Grant Program Proposal Discussion

Child Care Coordinator, Toby Librande, told the Commission that (6) months ago, the City of Milpitas, applied and became a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for the State of California. She presented a map of Milpitas to the Commission indicating all licensed Child Care facilities, including small and large family child care homes and elementary schools. Vice-Chair Mohsin handed out a list of licensed facilities in Milpitas from the Internet. She stated that most facilities are full with wait lists. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, added that some family Child Care Providers have vacancies. Vice-Chair Mohsin went on to say that she would like to see the City provide grants for larger Child Care facilities in Milpitas. To provide enhancements to facilities that may be minor, such as grass, plants, or new paint, which are necessary to enhance the child's experience, are too expensive for most centers. A grant awarded by the city to such centers would allow for monitoring and increased child care quality.

Chairperson Munzel asked to whom, if anyone, child care facilities have to report? Child Care Coordinator, Librande, answered the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing. Anyone concerned can call and report a facility, which Social Services is mandated to investigate. Vice-Chair Mohsin said that she sees some facilities with no grass or shading for the children to play or rest under. She also sees many centers that don't have any plants or sand boxes.

Commissioner Gill asked what kind of authority the City of Milpitas would have in these kinds of situations. Vice-Mayor Dixon answered that the City of Milpitas has authority to monitor only through Use Permits but that not all facilities go to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Gill asked if the City issues a grant would they be able to monitor the family child care provider facilities issued monies to ensure the proper appropriation of funds. Child Care Coordinator, Librande, answered she acts as a touch point and resource for these centers. Her role is very non-threatening. Commissioner Gill clarified that the City of Milpitas reviews receipts on monies spent by grants awarded to ensure the money is spent as requested.

Commissioner MacKenzie asked if there would be any conflicts with separation of Church and State, as some of the child care facilities are Christian based. Vice-Mayor Dixon answered yes, there would be conflict. Vice-Mayor Dixon went on to say the State of California is in bad shape. A lot of trickle down affects to the County and City budgets will be taking place in the near future. She said that she sees the benefit of such a program, but that there are a lot of programs on hiatus at the moment.

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, suggested that this item be revisited at a future meeting, when the economy and City's budget is more stable.

Commissioner MacKenzie suggested that the Commission consider the types of inspection and monitoring for this type of program. Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, added that this program would have a different set of checks and balances. Vice-Mayor Dixon said she would consult the City Attorney on the parameters of this item.

The Commission asked that the item be tabled to the September 2003 meeting.

3. Commissioner Work Plan

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, told the Commission that the goal of the Work Plan is to have a formulated plan and set goals to be approved by City Council. This plan will allow for proper staffing, community involvement, and realistic time frames. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission has many long-term projects and on-going items they consider, so now is the time to expand and plan accordingly.

The following items were suggested:

- City of Milpitas 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Art in the Park
- Joint Meeting with BTAC
- Coyote Creek trail Landscaping
- City of Milpitas Park Tour
- DeVrie's Property Maintenance
- Gill Park Maintenance
- Strickroth Park Maintenance
- Dixon Landing Park Maintenance
- Youth Sports Grant Trophy Case

Staff informed the Commission that staff would return at the February meeting with a list of projects for review.

X. Staff Reports

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, informed the Commission that two positions in Recreation are being recruited for, Cultural Arts Coordinator and Recreation Services Supervisor at the Senior Center.

XI. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Vice-Mayor Dixon reiterated that this was her last meeting and that Council Member Polanski will be their new liaison. Council Members Polanski said that Vice-Mayor Dixon has filled her in on the Commission's recent items and looks forward to working with everyone. She also mentioned that VTA is recommending reducing services. New routes and deleted lines are to take affect in April.

2. Community Advisory Commission

Vice-Chair Mohsin informed the Commission that the CAC is continuing to work on their long-term and short-term goals.

3. Senior Advisory Commission

Nothing to report

4. Planning Commission

Commissioner Tuason informed the Commission that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing permits for parking, Alcohol sales, house restoration and tree removal.

5. Youth Advisory Commission

Nothing to report

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Chairperson Munzel informed the Commission that the Historical Society would be meeting this Wednesday at the Milpitas Library. They will be hearing from a speaker who has lived in Milpitas and worked on the Downing Ranch.

7. Arts Commission

Recreation Services Manager, Greiner, informed the Commission that the Arts Commission is continuing to review Phantom Art Gallery Applications. The Phantom Art Gallery is booked out until January 2004.

XII. Future Agenda Items

None

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM to February 3, 2003 at 7:00PM.